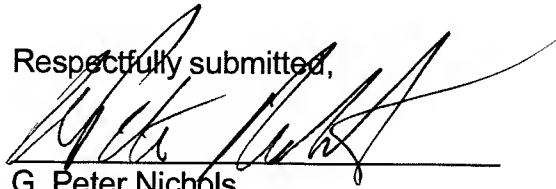


REMARKS

Applicants apologize for any inconvenience in submitting the non-compliant amendment. It is believed that the amendment to the specification complies with the applicable rules. It is believed that the present claims are in condition to be allowed. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Peter Nichols', is written over a horizontal line.

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